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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Authorization to Extend the Public Comment Period for the
Isothiazolinones Draft Risk Assessments Published in May 2020

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THRU: Anita Pease, Director
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This memorandum authorizes the extension of the comment periods on the registration review Draft Risk Assessments for isothiazolinones currently posted to public dockets at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

On May 14, 2020, the aforementioned registration review documents and supporting files were posted on the public dockets for public review and comment as part of the registration review process required under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. The deadline for submitting comments on these documents was 90 days from the date of posting, resulting in the anticipated conclusion of the public comment period on August 12, 2020. The Agency subsequently granted requests¹ to extend the comment period, citing COVID-19 disruptions and the need to look at multiple areas of concern identified in the risk assessments including consideration of additional human studies data by the Human Studies Review Board to inform the dermal skin sensitization evaluation. The deadline for submitting comments on these documents was 180 days from the date of posting resulting in the anticipated conclusion of the public comment period of November 10, 2020. Subsequently the Agency received an additional request² to extend the comment period for an additional 30 days after the close of the previous comment period to address revisions in the application rate calculations the Agency used in the draft risk assessments. In response, the Agency is extending the comment period for these cases for an additional 30 days after the close of the previous November 10, 2020 comment period.

¹ The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) submitted a request to extend the public comment period an additional 45 days. The American Chemistry Council (ACC) Center for Biocide Chemistries (CBC) Isothiazolinones Task Force requested a 90-day extension.

² The American Chemistry Council (ACC) Center of Biocide Chemistries (CBC) Isothiazolinone Task Force requested an additional 30-day extension.

Specific cases and their docket numbers are listed below:

Registration Review Case Name and Number	Document Type	Docket ID Number	Chemical Review Manager and Contact Information
MIT/CMIT (Case 3092)	Draft Risk Assessment	EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0605	Stephen Savage Savage.stephen@epa.gov 703-347-0345
OIT (Case 2475)	Draft Risk Assessment	EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0160	Stephen Savage Savage.Stephen@epa.gov 703-347-0345
BIT (Case 3026)	Draft Risk Assessment	EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0159	Stephen Savage Savage.Stephen@epa.gov 703-347-0345
BBIT (Case 5017)	Draft Risk Assessment	EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0736	Stephen Savage Savage.Stephen@epa.gov 703-347-0345
DCOIT (Case 5023)	Draft Risk Assessment	EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0403	Stephen Savage Savage.Stephen@epa.gov 703-347-0345

Comments on these dockets must be submitted by December 10, 2020. When submitting comments, identify the docket ID for the specific pesticide of interest, and submit the comments by one of the following methods:

- Via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information or other information for which disclosure is restricted by statute.
- Via mail. Send comments to:
 OPP Docket
 Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center
 (28221T) 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.
 Washington, DC 20460-0001
- Via hand delivery. To make arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please speak with the contact person for the pesticide of interest as identified above.

Additional instructions on commenting and visiting the docket are available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.